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SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: MAURITANIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS
RESOLUTION ON SAHARA

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SUMMARY: MAURITANIA'S NATIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTED RESOLUTION WHICH
IS STRONGLY CRITICAL OF ALGERIA AND CALLS ON ALL MAURITANIANS TO
SUPPORT GIRM SAHARAN POLICY. FOLLOWING PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH'S
LONG PRESENTATION ON SAHARA, NATIONAL COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED COM-
MENCEMENT OF SAHARAN POLITICAL EDUCATN, CAMPAIGN, CREATION OF
NATIONAL CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AND ESATBLISHMENT OF NATIONAL
SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE. THESE ACTIONS ARE FURTHER INDICATIONS OF
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GIRM CONCERN OVER TURN OF EVENTS IN SAHARA. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH'S LENGTHY EXPLANATION (REPORTED REFTEL) OF MAURITANIA'S POLICY ON SAHARA BEFORE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF MAURITANIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY, COUNCIL ADOPTED RESOLUTION JANUARY 31. AFTER THOROUGH REVIEW OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO PRESENT SITUATION, OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF RESOLUTION DECLARED:

2. 15E NATIONAL COUNCIL FIRMLY DENOUNCES ATTITUDE OF ALGERIAN LEADERS WHO ARE ARMING MERCENARIES AGAINST OUR COUNTRY, THEREFORE VIOLATING PRINCIPLE OF RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF OTHER STATES, A SACRED PRINCIPLE OF UN AS WELL AS OAU; PROTESTS MOST VOCIFEROUSLY SLANDEROUS CAMPAIGN ORCHESTRATED BY ALGIERS AGAINST OUR COUNTRY AND NOTABLY AGAINST OUR CHIEF OF STATE, A CAMPAIGN WHICH TENDS TO MISREPRESENT PROGRESSIVE CHARACTER OF OUR REGIME; REGRETS THAT LEADERS OF OUR ALGERIAN BROTHERS ARE LETTING THEMSELVES GET INVOLVED IN HOPELESS ADVENTURE INSTEAD OF WORKING TO BUILD UP ARAB MAGHREB WHICH IS SO DESIRED BY PEOPLES OF REGION; APPROVES ACTION OF NATIONAL POLITICAL BUREAU (BPN) AIMED AT REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY AS PRESCRIBED BY THE PARTY TO ITS FOURTH CONGRESS AND ENCOURAGES IT TO PURSUE THE PROCESS UNTIL IT SUCCEEDS.
REAFFIRMS ITS CONFIDENCE AND TOTAL AND MILITANT SUPPORT IN SECRETARY GENERAL OF PARTY, MOKTAR OULD DADDAH, FOR HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS AIMED AT REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY, EFFORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN OF CONSTANT CONCERN TO HIM DURING PAST 18 YEARS FOR ACHIEVING STRONG AND UNIFIED MAURITANIAN NATION.

THANKS EVERY COUNTRY WHICH HAS UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION AND SUPPORTED OUR POLICY; SALUTES CREATION OF FRONT FOR LIBERATION AND REATTACHMENT OF SAHARA TO MAURITANIA AS WELL AS PERSONS OF ALL AGES, AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVES OF WADI DHEHAB, WHO HAD COURAGE TO SAY NO TO FALSE PROPAGANDA AND WHO HAD COURAGE TO RESIST PRESSURE OF ALL KINDS.

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IS PROUD OF HEROIC ACTION OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND SECURITY FORCED WHO BRAVELY AND VICTORIOUSLY DEFENDED INTEGRITY OF OUR NATIONAL TERRITORY WHILE LIBERATING WADI DHEHAB.

URGES BPN TO INTENSIFY EXPLANATORY AND INFORMATION CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT WORLD AND NOTABLY IN AFRICA, CAMPAIGN DEYOIMGZSTO PROVE THE JUSTICE AND LEGITIMACY OF REUNIFICATION OF HR COUNTRY. UNQTE

3. QTE NATIONAL COUNCIL, IN CONSIDERATION OF PRESSING NEED TO SPEED UP EVEN MORE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF MAURITANIAN MEN AND WOMEN DURING THIS PRESENT, ANXIOUS TIME FOR DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE AND CONCRETE PARTICIPATION BY EVERYONE, DECREES:

(1) MOBILIZATION OF ALL MEANS OF INFORMATION AND EDUCATION IN SERVICE OF THIS SBCRED CAUSE--RADIO, NEWSPAPERS, MOVIE THEATERS, MEETINGS, SEMINARS, ETC.;

(2) IMMEDIATE CREATION OF A NATIONAL CIVIL AFFAIRS SERVICE (A) WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO CREATE GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN PREPARED IN TASKS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AS AUXILIARIES OF ARMED FORCES AND SECURITY FORCES BY MEANS OF CONCERTED MILITARY AND POLITICAL EDUCATION;

(B) WHOSE STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS WILL BE DETERMINED BY BPN;

(3) CREATION WITHOUT DELAY OF NATIONAL SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE DESIGNED, ON ONE HAND, TO COORDINATE GIFTS WHICH ARE FLOWING IN FROM EVERYWHERE, SOME FROM MAURITANIAN CITIZENS AND SOME FROM OUTSIDE MAURITANIA AND, ON OTHER HAND, TO ALLOCATE THESE GIFTS EITHER TO NATIONAL DEFENSE EFFORT OR TO ASSIST OUR COMPatriOTS IN WADI DHEHAB WHO FACE STATE OF MISERY CREATED BY ARMED BANDS, OR FINALLY TO ASSIST FAMILIES WHICH HAVE SUFFERED LOSS OF LOVED ONES ON BATTLEFRONT. STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS OF THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE DETERMINED BY BPN.

FINALLY, BPN IS MANDATED BEFORE NEXT SESSION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL TO TAKE ALL ADEQUATE MEASURES FOR CONTROLLING EVOLUTION OF THE SITUATION. UNQTE

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4. COMMENT: NATIONAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION IS NATURAL FOLLOWUP MEASURE TO PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH'S REMA S REPORTED REFTEL. PROPOSAL TO UNDERTAKE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN, CREATE CIVIL AFFAIRS SERVICE, AND ESTABLISH NATIONAL SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE ILLUSTRATES CONTINUING GIRM CONCERN OVER TURN OF EVENTS OCCASIONED BY SAHARAN DISPUTE. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT ROLE NATIONAL CIVIL AFFAIRS SERVICE WILL PERFORM, IT MAY INCLUDE PROVISION FOR STAFFING CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS IN THAT PART OF SAHARA NOW UNDER MAURITANIAN CONTROL. IT IS GRADUALLY BECOMING APPARENT TO THOSE MAURITANIANS WHO THOUGHT WADI DHEHAB COULD BE QUICKLY AND EASILY INCORPORATED INTO MAURITANIA THAT GIRM IS ENGAGED IN LONG, EXPENSIVE, AND PAINFUL UNDERTAUNING.HANDYSIDE

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